

He hath visited and redeemed His people.—Luke i. 68.

a mask of benevolence, would sell the ointment for the poor. *vs* 5, 6. Judas' love of money, and downward course, was of long standing, and reached the final step in his selling Christ.

The Rulers were mortified to the last degree—murder of Lazarus and Jesus became their settled purpose.

[Aug. 8] **Gentiles Seeking Jesus.** (John 12 : 20-36)

Two days have elapsed since last lesson—events thicken as the end draws near—for those intervening read Matt. 21: 12, 23-39; Mark 11: 12 to 12: 44. Greeks desire to see Jesus.

GENTILES COMING TO JESUS. *v.* 20.

The enmity of the Rulers had deepened to the last degree of guilt—and there was no hope of Jesus being accepted by the Rulers as the Messiah—hence death was imminent; but while His own nation was preparing for murder, the Gentiles begin to inquire; the desire of all nations was come (Hag. 2: 7). These enquirers were not Jews who spake Greek. They were Gentiles by birth and training, but devout (Acts 17: 4) Greeks, worshipping at Jerusalem—and desiring an interview with Jesus. The events of these few days deeply impressed their minds, hence their quickened interest. Jesus was in the Court of the Women, hence not accessible to the Greeks. This accounts for request through Philip and Andrew. It is probable that Jesus gave them an audience, as He did to Nicodemus.

HIS INSTRUCTION TO THE DISCIPLES AND THE GREEKS. *v.* 23.

"**HOUR**" is used here in the sense of ERA, foretold Psalm 2 8; Isa. 53: 11; and fully realized in Apostolic days. Eph. 2: 14; Col. 3: 11. This is to be brought by His death, which was at hand. *vs.* 24, 27, 28.

THE ATTRACTING POWER OF THE CRUCIFIED MESSIAH. *vs.* 31-33.

The decisive period of the Word's history is at hand—it will continue to become more and more clear, who is the ruler of this world. The attracting power of the parent, pastor, and teacher consists in fully holding up to view, and clearly holding forth, Jesus, the Messiah, as the Lamb of God.

WOULD WE SEE JESUS?

As our Teacher. As our King. As our Saviour. As our Life.

[Aug. 15.] **Jesus Teaching Humility.** (John 13 : 1-17.)

In teaching adults, the intervening events should be examined. After the interview with the Greeks, Jesus left the Temple. The disciples point out the massive stones in the structure, and Jesus foretells its destruction.

Going toward Bethany, as they came to the Mount of Olives—and in full view of the city—its overthrow is vividly portrayed. See Matt 24; also the three parables in Matt. 25. This was Tuesday of Passion week—Wednesday was spent in retirement—Thursday, the Passover was prepared—and this is the scene of the lesson.

CHRIST LOVING.

The feast was observed between sunset and dark. Jesus is fully conscious of all that lies before Him. He loved through the full tide of sorrow and suffering—even to the completion of the work committed to Him—notwithstanding the dulness, and petty disputes and am-

bitions of His disciples; and now with renewed and increased tenderness He will manifest His enduring love. *v.* 1.

CHRIST KNOWING.

The words express a recognition of a past transaction of the Father toward the Son, the Christ; also,

That in a pre-eminent sense He had come from God, and now, through death, He was going to God, as having fulfilled His mission.

He knows the traitor's heart—entertaining the diabolical suggestion of committing Him to the rulers. Teach this in contrast with the Master's love. *vs.* 2, 3.

CHRIST TEACHING BY SYMBOLIC ACTION.

They have come in from the journey—the spirit of strife and mutual jealousies are manifest. Who shall be greatest? This has been up before. Who should be next to Christ in the kingdom about to be set up; also, who should wash the feet, as they had just come in from the journey. The service proceeds without the usual feet washing. Christ riseth from the Paschal supper, and does this menial service.

[FOR OUR MISSION.]

"His Banner Over Me is Love."

Cant. 2: 4.

BY KATIE.

THE banner is unfurled—proclaiming through the world,

The all atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ the Son; And through His precious blood, sinners are one with God,
And share with Him, o'er sin and death, the victory He has won.

The banner is unfurled—proclaiming through the world,
A peace that never endeth—a pardon sealed with blood,
An inheritance above—Jesus purchased by His love,
And sinners saved by faith in Him are made the "heirs of God."

The banner is unfurled—proclaiming through the world,
That volunteers are needed in the army of the Lord,
For right shall conquer sin, Christ shall the battle win,
In earth and Heaven forevermore His name shall be adored.

AT a recent meeting an evangelist said: "An aged Christian woman was asked, 'Are you never troubled by the devil that you are so cheerful?' 'Oh yes, he often comes to the door, but I never bid him come in, nor give him a stool to sit on.' A great many people not only bid the devil come in, but make him very comfortable."

HOPE is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us.

THE life free from care, and from any buffetings of fortune, is a dead sea.